

**SEXTON MOUNTAIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE**  
**MONTHLY ASSOCIATION MEETING**  
**February 19, 2004**

This meeting of the Sexton Mountain NAC was held at 7:00 p.m. on February 19th, 2004 in the Sexton Mountain Elementary School Music Room.

**NAC Board Members present:** Bryce Adkins, Jane Athanasakos, David Cook, David DeHarpport, Floyd Harrington, and Andrew Rapp. A quorum was not present.

**NAC Board Members absent:** Mike Galimanis, Lewis Gouge, Richard Krikava, Allen Schroeder, Susan Cook, Jorge Carbo and Mark Vandervest.

**Other Guests in attendance:** Pat Brunson and three other members of the Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue Station 66, Mayor Rob Drake, Todd Lue, Steve Steinbeck, Kathel Kelton, James Blach, Mark Holady, Kathryn Rose Holady, Sharon Dunham

**Welcome & Announcements:** The meeting proceeded at 7:05. Two announcements from the City were read and passed around.

**Fire Department Update:** Pat Brunson from the Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue Station 66 discussed ways we can conduct our lives in a safer manner. In his 28 years of professional experience he says that he has only seen one auto accident death by a passenger wearing a seatbelt. Out of the 30 to 50 smoke fatalities he has seen, none had functioning smoke detectors present. He also says that he has never had to dive for someone wearing a floatation device. Brunson says that 70% of the calls for the station are medical while the rest deal with fires, hazardous materials and so on. They took over 100 calls at the station last year. He reminded us when we clean out our fireplaces to put the ashes in the proper container and not a paper sack. He reminded us to make sure we call the fire department even if you were able to put it out. It is better to be safe and there is no penalty for calling. Finally he reminded us to shake our fire extinguishers every six months, the same period of time you should change the batteries in your smoke detector. If you don't maintain your fire extinguisher properly it might not work in the time of need.

**Community Policing Update:** No members of the Beaverton Police were in attendance.

**Beaverton Committee for Citizen Involvement Report:** Andrew Rapp, the BCCI alternate representative gave the report. He notified the group of two events on the calendar held by BCCI. On April 22, BCCI will be holding the Voter's Forum from 7 to 9 pm. On June 5, BCCI will be holding the City Clean Up.

**Mayor Rob Drake: State of the City address:** Mayor Rob Drake addressed the SMNAC for an hour. He identified many facts and statistics to show the progress or direction the City is taking. Beaverton is a city of 80,000 people that live in an area of approximately 17 square miles. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row that the City has had a declining crime rate. Last year Beaverton crimes were down 1.4% while Portland's crime rate went up 6%. Even though crimes against people are down, crimes against property are up. A raising new crime people should protect themselves against is identity theft and the Mayor said we should shred all documents with any personal information. Senator Gordon Smith has helped Oregon acquire \$250,000 fight identity theft.

In the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Morgan Quitno Press' America's Safest City Award, Beaverton was the 47<sup>th</sup> safest city in the nation. In Oregon, Beaverton is the safest city in the state with a population above 75,000.

Beaverton has received 2 years of funding for a position through Homeland Security. This position will help people deal with disasters.

Beaverton currently has four red light cameras at intersections, but is allowed by law to have eight. At the intersections with lights, accidents are down 12%. Beaverton is currently expanding its photo speed cameras. To report traffic problems, citizens should call the Traffic Hotline at 503-350-4009. Last year over 1,200 automobiles were abandoned in the City. To report abandoned autos, call the Abandoned Auto Hotline at 503-350-4058.

The Mayor told us that the City's neighborhood office is being reconstructed for better outreach. The City's dispute resolution center should be used a way to avoid court action between neighbors.

The Mayor's hotline number is 503-350-3700. When this number is published in the Mayor's Letter, the Mayor says call to the number increase from 3 to 10 a day to 30 to 40 a day. Please clearly leave your name and number when leaving a message.

The Picnic In The Park series has been a great success were three NACs combine for a picnic four times a year. It is a great place for citizens to meet the Mayor and City Council members.

Beaverton is working to avoid duplication of services. An example of this is Beaverton eliminating its own fire department and using the services of TVF&R.

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The Mayor says Beaverton is one of the more financially healthy cities in Oregon and is taxing at 70% of its tax base. Beaverton has also set aside PERS funding in case the legislature overturns the PERS reform which would have to be taken out of the City's budget if it wasn't set aside.

The Mayor said Beaverton is a very diversified city and noted that 11% of the population is Asian and 11% is Hispanic.

The Mayor took questions from the SMNAC. Mark Holady asked the Mayor about his statement about Beaverton's previous mayor running more than two terms as mayor. The mayor said it is up to the voters to decide if eight years is enough.

Todd Lue asked if the police could please pull over people in a manner that does not disturb traffic. He suggested that maybe the city should have an education program to deal with this problem.

Andrew Rapp asked about the panhandlers and what the city is going to do to resolve the problem. The Mayor said that the State of Oregon and the City lost a first amendment lawsuit against the panhandlers that paid the plaintiff \$1,000 and her attorney \$39,000. The Mayor said that the state is going to craft new laws to address this issue.

David DeHarpport asked the mayor about a survey on Hwy 217 put on by Metro that he felt was biased. He also asked what can the citizens do to influence the process. The Mayor stated that 217 will likely have a new lane in each direction soon. He also stated that you can't build your way out of congestion. He said in order to resolve some other problems with traffic, we must build better intersections. The mayor said that Metro received over 800 responses to the survey in just 10 days.

DeHarpport also asked about Beaverton's commuter rail program. The mayor stated that new leadership in Congress does not like rail. Some of the funding for commuter rail is being pulled from other sources to do improvements to the line. The mayor said that the city needs both roads and rail. The mayor said that 54 to 55% of the city's housing is owner occupied. He said that Beaverton will soon overtake Hillsboro in population.

He noted that people should call the non-emergency dispatch at 503-692-0111 for police that do not require an immediate response. During the winter snow storm Beaverton just went through, the Mayor says that Beaverton did not pay any overtime and staggered shifts of workers to accommodate workers and needs. Beaverton does not own a snowplow, but the Mayor said that they are looking into acquiring one.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bryce Adkins stated the current balance as \$2,086.64.

**Approval of previous meeting minutes:** The minutes for the January 21, 2004 meeting was approved as submitted.

**Non-Agenda Items:** A motion was made to cancel April's regularly scheduled meeting so the SMNAC can attend a meeting with Highland NAC and West Beaverton NAC on Thursday April 8 to see a presentation by Haggens supermarket. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. There is a question to the total number of SMNAC members to decide if there was a quorum and a proper vote.

A list was distributed among the SMNAC for people to make suggestions for guest speakers or subjects the SMNAC should present. The suggestions are as follows:

1. Bill Ihly, traffic issues
2. Charlie Ringo, legislative update
3. Ryan Deckert, legislative update
4. Mark Hass, legislative update
5. Clean Water Services, water issues
6. Waste Management, trash and recycling
7. Metro
8. Washing County, licensing of group homes
9. Recreation Department, budget, plans and taxes
10. Can you neighbor use your wireless network?
11. ODOT Region Manager, highway and traffic issues
12. Haggens, update on grocery store in neighborhood
13. Mediation and Code Enforcement
14. BCCI, land use committee's handbook and report
15. City's website, informational presentation
16. City explain why police hang around high schools instead of getting true law breakers
17. Any plans for additional parks to offset all the recent developments.

Submitted by acting Recorder – Andrew Rapp